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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCES: ESTHER BALLESTRINO DE CAREAGA

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1. RADICAL LIBERAL DEPUTY LIGIA PRIETO DE CENTURION BROUGHT BROTHER AND SISTER OF ESTHER BALLESTRINO DE CAREAGA TO EMBASSY JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS SISTER'S CASE. EMBOFF TOLD THEM HE HAD NO NEW INFORMATION AND ASKED IF THEY KNEW ANYTHING REGARDING REPORT THAT MRS. CAREAGA WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO HER FAMILY AT ARGENTINE-PARAGUAY BORDER. THEY SAID THEY HAD HEARD THIS UNFORUNDED REPORT AND THAT THEY FELT THE REPORT WAS MERELY AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER CONFUSE THEIR SISTER'S CASE.

2. FOR BUENOS AIRES: THE BROTHER, ARTIGAS FRANCISCO BALLESTRINO, WILL TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES JUNE 30 AND ASKED US TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL. EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES OF BALLESTRINO'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING. WHITE

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